

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SOLOMON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1090. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to allow revision of veterans benefits decisions based on clear and unmistakable error;

H.R. 1840. An act to provide a law enforcement exception to the prohibition on the advertising of certain electronic devices;

H.R. 2366. An act to transfer to the Secretary of Agriculture the authority to conduct the census of agriculture, and for other purposes; and

H.R. 2813. An act to waive time limitations specified by law in order to allow the Medal of Honor to be awarded to Robert R. Ingram of Jacksonville, Florida, for acts of valor while a Navy Hospital Corpsman in the Republic of Vietnam during the Vietnam conflict.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 1604. An act to provide for the division, use, and distribution of judgment funds of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan pursuant to dockets numbered 18-E, 58, 364, and 18-R before the Indian Claims Commission;

H.R. 1658. An act to reauthorize and amend the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act and related laws; and

H.R. 1847. An act to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers.

The message also announced that the Senate had passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 156. An act to provide certain benefits of the Pick-Sloan Missouri River Basin program to the Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, and for other purposes;

S. 222. An act to establish an advisory commission to provide advice and recommendations on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies;

S. 318. An act to require automatic cancellation and notice of cancellation rights with respect to private mortgage insurance which is required as a condition for entering into a residential mortgage transaction, to abolish the Thrift Depositor Protection Oversight Board, and for other purposes;

S. 493. An act to amend section 1029 of title 18, United States Code, with respect to cellular telephone cloning paraphernalia.

S. 537. An act to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend the mammography quality standards program.

S. 1115. An act to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve the on-call notification process, and for other purposes.

S. 1354. An act to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to provide for the designation of common carriers not subject to the jurisdiction of a State commission as eligible telecommunications carriers.

S. 1505. An act to make technical and conforming amendments to the Museum and Library Services Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1506. An act to amend the Professional Boxing Safety Act (P.L. 104-272).

S. 1511. An act to amend section 3165 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998 to clarify the authority in the section.

S. 1517. An act to extend the Visa Waiver Pilot Program.

S. 1519. An act to provide a 6-month extension of highway, highway safety, and transit programs pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991; and

S. Con. Res. 67. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the museum entitled "The Women's Museum: An Institute for the Future", in Dallas, Texas, be designated as a millennium project for the United States.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees, to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 562) "An act to amend section 255 of the National Housing Act to prevent the funding of unnecessary or excessive costs for obtaining a home equity conversion mortgage," with an amendment.

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 714) "An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, extend, and improve programs for veterans."

The message also announced that the Senate agrees to the amendments of the House to the bill (S. 923) "An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit interment or memorialization in certain cemeteries of persons committing Federal or State capital crimes."

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 10, 1997.

Hon. NEWT GINGRICH,
The Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted to Clause 5 of Rule III of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following messages from the Secretary of the Senate on Monday, November 10, 1997 at 10:50 a.m.:

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 282.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 681.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1057.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1058.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1479.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 1484.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 2129.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 2564.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.R. 2631.

That the Senate Passed without amendment H.J. Res. 105.

With warm regards,

ROBIN H. CARLE,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair desires to announce that pursuant to clause 4, rule I, the Speaker signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolution on Monday, November 10, 1997:

H.R. 282, to designate the U.S. Post Office Building located at 153 East 110th Street, New York, NY, as the "Oscar Garcia Rivera Post Office Building";

H.R. 681, to designate the U.S. Post Office Building located at 313 East Broadway in Glendale, CA, as the "Carlos J. Moorhead Post Office Building";

H.R. 1057, to designate the building in Indianapolis, IN, which houses the operations of the Indianapolis main post office as the "Andrew Jacobs, Jr. Post Office Building";

H.R. 1058, to designate the facility of the U.S. Postal Service under construction at 150 West Maggaret Drive in Terre Haute, IN, as the "John T. Myers Post Office Building";

H.R. 1377, to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to encourage retirement income savings;

H.R. 1479, to designate the Federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 300 Northeast First Avenue in Miami, FL, as the "David W. Dyer Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse";

H.R. 1484, to redesignate the U.S. courthouse located at 100 Franklin Street in Dublin, GA, as the "J. Roy Rowland U.S. Courthouse";

H.R. 2129, to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 150 North 3rd Street in Steubenville, OH, as the "Douglas Applegate Post Office";

H.R. 2564, to designate the U.S. Post Office located at 450 North Centre Street in Pottsville, PA, as the "Peter J. McCloskey Postal Facility";

H.R. 2631, disapproving the cancellations transmitted by the President on October 6, 1997, regarding Public Law 105-45; and

House Joint Resolution 105, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 1998, and for other purposes.

A PROPER BALANCE OF EXPANDED TRADE AND PRESERVATION OF AMERICAN VALUES

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, in the aftermath of President Clinton's decision to withdraw fast-track legislation,